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Well, after a busy and very hot summer term, I am sure most of us will be looking forward to sometime relaxing down the beach!

SEYT Webpage

I am pleased to confirm that the SEYT CPD **Diary for Autumn 2018** is now on our webpage <https://www.gov.gg/preschool> – There are a number of new courses and free courses too! Please email seyt@education.gg to book as soon as possible to ensure your space.

PSEF Payments

A reminder to those of you who have not yet confirmed your Estimated figures for the Autumn term to please do so ASAP – The deadline was **16th July**. Also, there still are 3 providers who are yet to confirm their actual figures for the Summer Term, these figures were due back by 18th May and payments should have been sent on 15th June.

Leaders and Managers Forum Feedback

Thank you to those of you who attended, there was a lot of information to fit in to 1 ½ hours! Please see the highlighted points and as always, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions:

Lost Words

A workshop regarding 'The Lost Words' will be held on 12th September (please view the Autumn Diary for further information). Please remember that if you were not able to attend the Leaders and Managers Forum, your copy of The Lost Words book is at Le Rondin for collection.

Legionella Bacteria in water systems in Guernsey

Ruth Sharp is currently working with Mick Cooper to produce some guidance for providers who own their own buildings and those who rent them, regarding the control of Legionella. Please follow this link to view the comprehensive document Mick referred to via <https://www.gov.gg/legionella> (Legionella ACoP-Guernsey).

Lead Orthoptist

Please find attached Mo McIndoe's presentation from the Leaders and Managers Forum on 4th July. Should you have any questions, please contact Mo on 725241 ext 4203 or email her at morag.mcindoe@gov.gg

Child Protection - Level 3

For those of you who have or are due to attend the Level 3 Child Protection training, please note that certificates are not given after the training but a record of attendance. Certificates can be obtained by contacting the receptionist at the Institute of Health and Social Care Studies on 725241 .



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New Equipment inside and outside settings

A reminder regarding any new equipment that you have bought, had donated or has been handmade, must conform to safety standards. Please contact The Health and Safety Inspector on 234567 for guidance and advice.

Antibacterial Products

We have been informed by The Office of Environmental Health and Pollution Regulation, that Dettol antibacterial spray does not currently comply with the British Standards for commercial use. For further information on controlling cross contamination and antibacterial spray products please visit:

<https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/e-coli-cross-contamination-guidance>

<http://www.disinfectant-info.co.uk/>

Level 3 Qualification - GCSE and Functional Skills

A reminder to all employers that you are responsible for monitoring that staff who completed their CACHE Early Years Educator, Level 3 Childcare qualification are working towards completing their Maths and English GCSEs or Functional Skills. Please remember that practitioners who are completing their GCSE in English and Maths or Functional Skills in English and Maths at the Guernsey College of Further Education and would like additional support, they can contact Paula Grady on either paulag@gcfe.net or 07781 164645.

New Staff and Accident Information

Attached is a reminder of the process that must be used for new members of staff before they start employment at a provider. Also attached is the process on what to do if there is an accident in your workplace.

Top Tips and Clips – from Di Thorogood

Here are some ideas of how to keep our little ones busy over the holiday time.

Use this link to find lots of fun holiday ideas, when you run out! There are ideas to make fun dens outside to making fun fruit kebabs to encourage our little ones to try new fruit in a fun way -

<https://www.beafunmum.com/2011/06/100-school-holiday-activity-ideas/>

Remember most the activities can be done outdoors, to promote engagement and interest. Another nice activity which can be used inside or outdoors is to make Playdough, which will keep for a week in an airtight container. Try this recipe:

Playdough recipe

2 cups flour

3/4 cup salt

4 teaspoons cream of tartar

2 cups lukewarm water

2 Tablespoons of vegetable oil (coconut oil works too)

Food colouring, optional

Stir together the flour, salt and cream of tartar in a large pot. Next add the water and oil. If you're only making one colour, add in the colour now as well. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly. Continue stirring until the dough has thickened and begins to form into a



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ball. Remove from heat and then place inside a gallon sized bag or onto wax paper. Allow to cool slightly and then knead until smooth. If you're adding colours after, divide the dough into balls (for how many colours you want) and then add the dough into the quart sized bags. Start with about 5 drops of colour and add more to brighten it. Knead the dough, while inside the bag so it doesn't stain your hands. Once it's all mixed together you're ready to PLAY. Keep in an air tight bag.

Use in inside when weather is gloomy or take it in a container to use outdoors.

But remember to follow the – [Sun Safety Guidelines](#) if going outdoors – More guidance can be found on <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

Wishing you all a lovely summer and enjoy the holidays, we look forward to continuing our strong working relationship in September.